

NEWS BRIEFS

Finance closing

The finance office closes at noon today for an office teambuilding and morale day. Call Ext. 2711.

Power outage

A base-wide electrical power outage is from midnight Saturday to no later than 10 a.m. Sunday. The outage allows the Tennessee Valley Authority to install a sub-station. Call Ext. 7429.

Canned food drive

The company grade officers council is having a canned food drive through March 30. Cans can be placed in the designated box in each building. Call Ext. 2781.

Temporary duty

Retiring Air Force people who used their permissive temporary duty and then were placed on hold due to stop loss may apply for a second permissive TDY. This entitlement is granted on a case-by-case basis. Applications may be made through the separations office in the military personnel flight, Bldg. 926. Call Ext. 2599.

Forms replaced

The Standard Form 66, Official Personnel Folder, has been replaced with the Air Force Form 10A, Personnel Information File: Record of Performance: Officer Command Selection Record Group. Organizations still using the SF 66 should replace them with AF Form 10A. Call Ext. 7300.

Barriers removed

The barriers around the wing headquarters building, on Harpe Blvd. and on Independence have been removed. Drivers on Columbus AFB are reminded that that speed limit in this area is 25 mph and that they must yield to pedestrians crossing the roadways. Streets around the headquarters building are one-way streets; drivers should obey the directional signs. Call Ext. 2519.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 548

Flown: 704

T-1A

Goal: 494.0 hrs.

Flown: 494.7 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 308

Flown: 344



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

New simulators

Dennis Bedore, Boeing electrician, installs a wiring harness in the electronics cabinet of a new T-38 simulator Monday in the 14th Operations Group building. Bedore built the entire cabinet one wire at a time. This cabinet regulates all power to the simulators. The new simulators reflect the new T-38C "glass cockpit" aircraft.

Airmen discharged for drug use

Recently, Columbus AFB, lost five airmen to illegal drug use.

One airman was convicted in a general court-martial and four others were dismissed for smoking marijuana.

"It's distressing to see these young airmen throw away the opportunities the Air Force provides by way of education, job training and service to America," said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th FTW wing commander. "But the message is clear — if you use illegal drugs, eventually you will get caught and the consequences are severe."

Airman 1st Class Shelly Sincoskie, 50th Flying Training Squadron, was convicted by a general court-martial of a single use of cocaine and possession of ecstasy on one occasion.

Sincoskie pled guilty in order to avoid a maximum sentence that could have included a dishonorable discharge and 10 years in jail. Based on her plea and evidence that she has performed well on-duty, the military judge sentenced her to a bad conduct discharge, reduction to air-

man basic and 30 days of hard labor without confinement.

The bad conduct discharge is a punitive discharge that can only be imposed by a court martial. It is a federal conviction that takes away almost all of a servicemember's veterans' benefits.

In recent months the Air Force has instituted weekend random drug testing to combat the growing threat of "club drugs" like ecstasy that are common at rave parties.

Although these new designer drugs often look like over the counter or prescription medications, they are extremely dangerous. Ecstasy use results in very intense short-term euphoria, but has been proven to permanently damage the brain's ability to process serotonin, a chemical necessary for normal emotional function. In some cases ecstasy use has resulted in death or irreversible depression.

In an unrelated incident, four airmen from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron were discharged for smoking marijuana.

All four confessed to using the drug when confronted with their misconduct. The airmen received general administrative discharges. The administrative discharges becomes a matter of record that follows individuals for the rest of their lives.

"Unlike other, more common types of misconduct like failure to go or dereliction of duty, servicemembers who use or possess illegal drugs, even once, face a general court martial rather than less severe administrative actions," said Capt. Noah Bledstein, 14th Flying Training Wing, assistant judge advocate.

"In the rare cases in which airmen do not receive punitive discharges for drug use, Air Force Instruction 36-3208 requires commanders to initiate discharge action against any airman found to have used drugs," Bledstein said.

Any discharge characterized "less than an honorable" results in the loss of veterans' benefits, most notably the Montgomery GI Bill.

(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing legal office.)



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Fund at 54 percent

Senior Airman Cindy Dobbs, 14th Services Division, and 1st Lt. Tim Warner, Air Force Assistance Fund project officer, go over an AFAF form before Dobbs turns it in. The 2002 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign is under way and will continue until March 29. After just five days of soliciting contributions, the wing already has more than half of its established goal. Contributions to the AFAF can be made through cash, check or payroll deduction. See your unit representative.

AAFES recalls dehumidifiers

About 1.4 million dehumidifiers are being voluntarily recalled by Whirlpool Corp. with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service due to a possible fire hazard.

Whirlpool Corp. has received 13 reports of the dehumidifiers overheating and causing fires. The recalled dehumidifiers were sold under the Whirlpool, Kenmore and ComfortAire brand names with a front-mounted water bucket and with serial numbers that begin with QG, QH, QJ, QK or QL. The serial number can be found on a label located on the wall behind the water bucket, or on the white tag on the box of the dehumidifiers. Dehumidifiers with water buckets

located in back are not involved in the recall.

Anyone owning one of the dehumidifiers should stop using it and unplug it immediately. Customers in the continental United States should contact Whirlpool at (866) 640-7139 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.repair.whirlpool.com to arrange for a free repair. Overseas customers should go to the Whirlpool Web site or contact a local Whirlpool service representative.

Local Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets can assist in locating the Whirlpool service representative.

(Courtesy of Randolph AFB, Texas, safety office.)

RE-ENLISTEES

The following are the re-enlistees for February:

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Pelfrey, 14th Operations Group; **Staff Sgt. Michael Bates**, 332nd Recruiting Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Rhoda Ellis**, 14th Mission Support Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Brent Ochs**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; and **Senior Airman Cushiyah Yehuda**, 14th Flying Training Wing

PROMOTEES

The promotees for March are:

To first lieutenant: Ricardo Hiraldo, 48th Flying Training Squadron; **Jimmey Labit, Jr.**, 14th Medical Support Squadron; and **Jason Ward**, 14th Operations Support Squadron

To master sergeant: Antoin Scott, 332nd Recruiting Squadron

To technical sergeant: Jimmie McMillion, 14th Support Group; **Eric Sutton**, 14th MDSS; and **Thomas Williams**, 332nd RCS

To staff sergeant: Tavetia Circus, 14th Communications Squadron; and **Michael Poye**, 14th CS

To senior airman: Leanna Cummins, 14th MDSS; and **Sonata Waller**, 41st Flying Training Squadron

To airman first class: Adam Bethea, 50th Flying Training Squadron; **Burnell Domino**, 50th FTS; **Deandria Edwards**, 14th Security Forces Squadron; **Gregory Green**, 50th FTS; and **Lakeecia Johnson**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

To airman: Amber Ashy, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Christopher Cassidy**, CES; **Brad Hopkins**, 14th Mission Support Squadron; and **Kristopher Legault**, 14th MSS



Digital X-ray system helps doctors

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — Medical experts in deployed locations are now using state-of-the-art technology to diagnose and treat fractures.

The use of digital X-ray systems is new to deployment medical operations, and helps in diagnosis and treatment, says Dr. (Maj.) Tyler Harris, an orthopedic surgeon with the 366th Expeditionary Medical Group.

"Most of the time when we use X-rays, it is to make sure that there isn't a fracture," Harris said. "I'm dependent on this machine to help me do my job. With it, we can rehabilitate a person locally and return them to duty quickly."

Compared to the old system of one-time film development, the new system, called the Lumisys ACR 2000, is all digital. Films are scanned in two to three minutes and the machine can take and retake 300 X-ray films per cassette.

The films are stored on a cassette so they are not as heavy and cumbersome to store as older films, Harris said.

The old system required a filing system and it took a lot of time to track the films.

Now the films are easy to catalogue, Harris said.

Although the majority of digital X-rays are taken to rule out fractures, the new digital X-rays are also critical for a successful surgery.

"We operated on a person with a crushed hand that required fixation of an open-finger fracture," Harris said. "Because the digital films can be scanned in two to three minutes, I could make sure that the bones were correctly aligned during surgery quickly. Plus, the X-ray system came to us in the operating theater."

This is Harris' first deployment using digital equipment. He said he likes the new lightweight equipment.

"The digital system is portable, making it easier on the medical personnel when they do need an X-ray," he said. "We can bring the machine to the patient on the ward or in the operating theater versus taking the patient to the X-ray area."

"We can cut down the level of discomfort for a person as we find out where and if they have fractures," Harris added.

Digital X-ray machines are now included in the expeditionary medical support basic package sent forward for deployments, Harris said.

"Prior to the arrival of X-ray machines (even nondigital X-rays allowed the increased capability), we diagnosed broken bones by how tender the area was around the bone," Harris said. "With X-rays we have proof of where exactly the fractures are in the bone, and we can better treat the person, depending on if they have a fracture and where exactly it is."

Technicians from the 366th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron have taken more than 1,000 X-ray films during their deployment.

"With this new system, those common problems of fractured fingers, hands, ankles and legs we see on deployment are more easily diagnosed and treated," Harris said.

(Courtesy of Air Force News)

Spouses club member wins Joan Orr award

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

A Columbus AFB Officers Spouses Club member won the Air Education and Training Command 2002 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year award.

Jan Russell was personally notified of her award by Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Feb. 26.

“I must’ve looked like a little kid, the way I was jumping up and down,” Russell said. “I was so excited. It’s a very humbling honor.”

People who work with and know Jan aren’t surprised, according to Col. Russell Frasz, 14th Operations Group commander.

“Jan’s truly a BLAZE superstar with a talented, giving heart. She touches every part of our base from squadron support for the 48th [Flying Training Squadron] Alleycats, the [Operations] Group staff with her husband Clint, the wing through the officer spouses club and the downtown community through her children’s school,” Frasz said.

Jan said she doesn’t feel she won this award all by herself. “The executive board of the OSC is top notch, and I could not accomplish anything without their help,” she said. “And even though I’ve done a lot of volunteer work, it just kind of happened. I’ve had a lot of opportuni-



Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Jan Russell, left, sings with fellow Skylark Kathryn Rash.

Prayer lunch enthralls all

Second Lt. Amy Hansen
Public affairs

Over 150 people from Columbus AFB and the surrounding community attended the National Prayer Luncheon on Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club to pray for our country, our service members and our national leadership.

A speech by Retired Gen. Charles “Chuck” Horner was the highlight of the two-hour spiritual celebration. His speech was on the topic of “faithfulness” and he used several personal experiences to illustrate the concept.

The general shared the event which made faith a priority in his own life. He was flying a gunnery pattern in an F-100 during a dust storm in Egypt when he lost sight of the plane in front of him. Horner turned towards the target on time and saw the other plane converging on him. It had overshot its own turn and was on a collision course with Horner. He narrowly missed the other plane and found himself 3,500 feet above the ground in a dangerous stall. His plane was not going fast enough to stay in the air.

Realizing that he might crash, Horner said that he felt time slow down. At first he was angry that he would die without seeing his pregnant wife. Then he became very calm. “I was hearing angels singing and I felt totally at peace with myself.”

In his slow-motion state, Horner found himself with ample time to make decisions. He recalled the story of a friend who had applied afterburners and survived a similar situation. He lit the afterburners and was able to pull up just in time to avoid hitting the desert floor. “It’s like somebody took a hand and lifted me up and said, ‘not yet.’”

The near-death experience renewed Horner’s faith that his life was in God’s hands.

In addition to Horner’s message, the program also contained songs by The Columbus AFB Skylarks, a female acappella group, background music performed by pianist Maj. Scott Parkhurst, and a duet by Sgt. Raymond Hackler and Kathryn Rash.

At the end of the luncheon, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps group from West Lowndes High School carried out a flag tribute.

This type of annual gathering to celebrate spirituality isn’t a new concept. According to Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Rash, the organizer of the luncheon, the tradition originated in 1942 as a prayer breakfast in the Senate and House of Representatives and was adopted in 1946 by the President.

Rash felt that this year’s luncheon was especially successful. “I am very pleased with the level of wing attendance,” he said, “and this year, everyone got to hear an airpower legend speak.”



Lt. Col. Sonic Johnson
Gavin Dishongh, Prairie Pointe Power Sports owner, Carl Nuzzo, Air Force Association member and Stan McCrary, Rothe Computers and chairman of the chapter’s Military Affairs Committee, discuss pilot training and the Columbus area with 03-06 student 2nd Lt. Tim Huxel and his wife Michelle.

Class introduced to partners

Lt. Col. Sonic Johnson
14th Operations Support Squadron

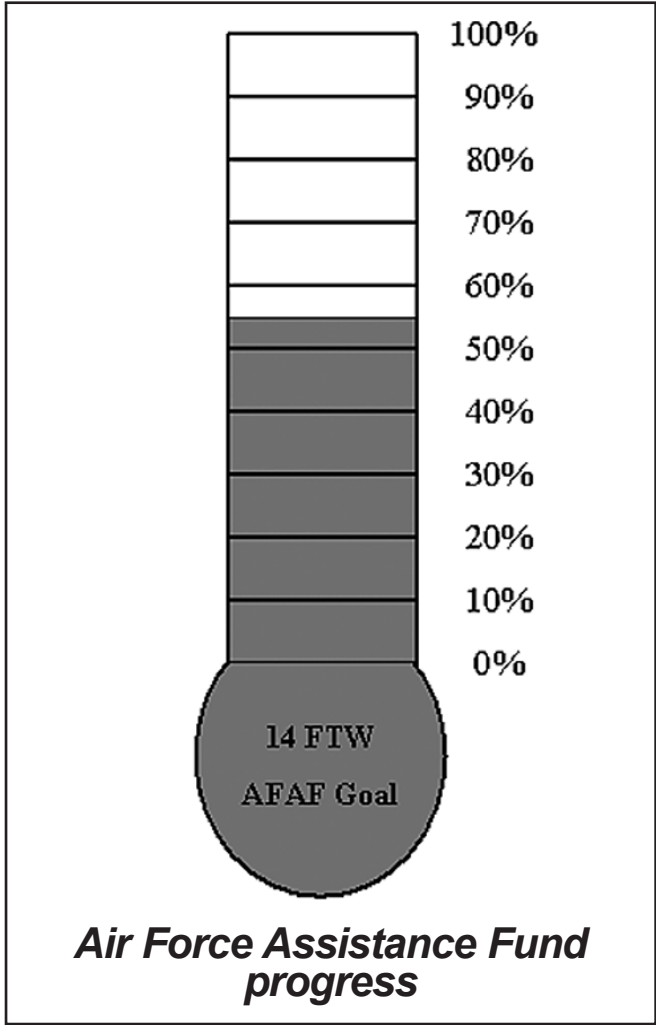
Columbus,” said Stan McCrary, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

The pilot partner program unites each Columbus SUPT class with business and civic leaders from the Columbus-Lowndes community and is organized by the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Jack Marshal, President of the Chamber of Commerce, then joined over 20 other community business leaders in welcoming class 03-06 to the Columbus area.

“Everyone in the class seemed genuinely impressed with the hospitality that we received tonight,” said class leader 2nd Lt. Michael Bennett. “It is good to know that the community is so supportive of the Columbus AFB mission. The community is part of the reason we will succeed.”

For more information, call McCrary at 327-8445 or Vaughn at Ext. 7513.



Fund eases stress in time of need

Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

For more than 22 years, nearly the whole of my professional life, I have never defaulted on a loan, been late with a payment or needed help to pay my bills.

However, a serious family illness 18 months ago put me face to face with an emotional and financial challenge I didn’t quite know how to handle. I will be eternally grateful for the help I received through the Air Force Assistance Fund.

My hero, my dad, had been fighting a losing battle against skin cancer for nearly three years. Since my dad’s cancer was believed to be isolated in his leg, he qualified for a risky procedure in Philadelphia. Although his medical insurance would cover the surgery and other related costs, it couldn’t help with travel expenses or lodging and food costs.

Because of his condition, my dad couldn’t fly or take a bus or train. My mother can’t drive. I needed to get from California to their home in western New York, then drive them both to Philadelphia. Plane tickets to New York I could handle. Gas, food and hotel costs were an entirely different matter.

Someone suggested I visit the Air Force Aid Society representative at the family support center here.

I made an appointment to speak with the AFAS

representative. I filled out some paperwork, got Red Cross confirmation of the emergency back home and, that same day, I had a check in my hand for an interest-free loan.

My dad’s procedure was considered a success. Unfortunately, unknown to the medical team at the time, the cancer had already traveled beyond his leg and was soon spreading like wildfire throughout his body.

Less than a year later I was flying back to New York. My dad was dying. Four days later, my dad was gone. Mom was an emotional wreck, and I found myself in charge of making funeral arrangements and settling his affairs.

Dad’s illness had eaten up almost all his assets, as well as a portion of mine. His modest funeral would cost just under \$5,000 and, together, we could raise less than half that amount. Once again, I turned to Air Force Aid. Once again, my family got the help it needed when we needed it most.

I dearly wish my circumstances had a happier ending. Not a day goes by that I don’t miss my dad. It was his encouragement that prompted me to first enlist and then remain in the Air Force for more than 20 years.

But I will never forget how the contributions my fellow airmen made to the Air Force Assistance Fund helped make this most stressful time in my life just a little easier to bear. Thank you.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, signs a union contract with Joe Gibson, American Federation of Government Employees local Chapter 1296 president. This agreement between the union and management on Columbus AFB replaces the prior 15-year-old contract. The contract covers procedures, working conditions, changes and more for federal employees on Columbus AFB.

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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Foreign officer visits Columbus AFB

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

A Slovakian colonel learned about the way a U.S. Air Force personnel squadron functions during his visit to Columbus AFB.

Personnel chief Col. Vaclav Pomahac of the General Staff, Slovak Republic Army, remarked favorably about the way Columbus AFB operates on the personnel side.

“When I compare your personnel policy and ours, I admire the attention given to families of soldiers on active duty and retirees and their families,” Pomahac said. He was also impressed with the lodging facilities and housing and benefits. He added that he liked our system of relocations and education services. Additionally, he was impressed by the

way we prepare soldiers for return to civilian life after active duty with things like the transition assistance program.

Columbus was not Pomahac’s first stop of his tour in the United States. He first

arrived at Lackland AFB, Texas in August 2001, then traveled to Keesler AFB, Miss., to attend the Basic Personnel Officer Course for six weeks.

Pomahac said he received a fine



Col. Vaclav Pomahac and his wife speak with Maj. Anita Jackson, 14th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight commander.

Staff Sgt. Shelby Martin

welcome and had his best Air Force experience here.

“Since the first moment of my arrival to Columbus, I have met people who had an interest to prepare a very attractive program for me,” Pomahac said. Members of the 14th Mission Support Squadron explained how every personnel operation in the Air Force performs, he said.

“I want to express my thanks to 14th FTW Commander Col. Tom Quelly, all the other group and squadron commanders and all soldiers and civilians who helped me to know and understand their work,” Pomahac said. “My extra thanks belong to 14th MSS Commander Maj. Michael Goolsby and all the members of 14th MSS who dedicated their time to me. My other thanks belong to Master Sgt. John Enyart, who donated much of his free time to me. Thank you.”

Gen. Horner says people most important to Air Force

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

Retired Gen. Chuck Horner is an individual whose experiences span the globe. From Africa to Vietnam, the general has logged more than 5,300 flying hours in a variety of fighter aircraft.

Horner has commanded a tactical training wing, a fighter wing, two air divisions and a Numbered Air Force. While a commander of the 9th Air Force, he also commanded all the U.S. and allies’ air assets during Operations Desert Shield and Storm, as the U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

Horner took a few minutes out of his schedule to share his thoughts and wisdom based on his career.

According to the general, the most important thing in the Air Force is its people.

“Experience in the Gulf showed the importance of air power,” Horner said. “Obviously the reason it happened is because of the men and women who were deployed to the area from all the nations, but primarily the Air Force. People in the military work harder than any of the other groups of people in peacetime and it sure shows in wartime.”

Every leader has a perspective on leadership traits. Horner takes his leadership view from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

“I recall what Eisenhower told George Marshall when they were looking at Omaha Beach. Marshall turned to Eisenhower and asked him what he looked for in a

leader, and Ike said, ‘courage,’” Horner said.

Horner defined courage as the ability to deal with the unknown.

“It’s tough being a leader,” he said. “It requires the ability to act on the unknown and it requires the ability to make tough calls. Like punishing people that need it so that you reward the people who are doing the job without being punished.”

In regard to tough decisions the general discussed the future of the Air Force.

“Over the next five years, we’ll see the defense funding on the upturn again,” Horner said. “Of course the thing that’s going to remain the same is the quality of people, and that’s the most important thing,” Horner added.

Pilot training Phase II: The firehose effect

Second Lt. Amy Hansen
Public affairs

(Editor’s note: This is the third in a series of four articles about pilot training.)

Two-tiered racks of army-green parachutes form narrow alleys in the busy room. Gun-metal gray helmets line every inch of the walls, each looking eerily like an elephant feeding itself because of the oxygen hose looped back through the face mask. Tin clinks, and the pungent aroma of rubbing alcohol permeates the air as someone uses a gauze swab to wipe away pools of perspiration from her mask. Someone else grunts as he heaves his chute up onto the padded table to preflight it.

Despite the steady low rumble of small talk and the occasional outburst of laughter, a feeling of anxiety prevails. The automatic door whooshes open and shut with a blast of outside air as student pilots and their instructors pass to and from the neatly arranged rows of aircraft stretching to either end of the flightline.

This life support shop is an intimately familiar scene for students in Phase II of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB. For four and a half months and over 90 flight training hours, student pilots walk through this room before and after every mission. Their goal? To complete Contact, Navigation, Instruments, and Formation with high enough checkride scores to choose their aviation career paths.

This occurs at the culminating event of Phase II — Track Select, where the top-ranking students are usually awarded T-38 slots. This is a trainer jet for pilots who will fly fighter and bomber aircraft upon graduation.

The tough competition means that from the first day

on “the flightline,” students are driven to do their absolute best, which is a huge challenge considering the amount of information presented in Phase II.

“When you come to the flightline, the first day they hold your hand, and then 24 hours later you are expected to know the entire 200 volumes of information,” said 2nd Lt. Rob Marshall, Class 03-02.

This phenomenon is commonly called the “firehose effect” by students and instructors. It’s overwhelming. That is what it is like learning all of the information about the T-37 “Tweet” and Air Force flying in just four months.

“Time management is key,” says 2nd Lt. Shana Hibler. “You have to juggle lots of things and prioritize.”

A typical day in Tweets starts off with formal report, where the flight stands at attention while the instructor pilots enter the flightroom and take their seats. Students sit at attention to listen to a weather briefing. Then the Unit Standardization and Evaluation Monitor, better known as the USEM, an intimidating character, reads the standup emergency situation. One student’s name is called. That poor student must stand at attention in the center of the room and describe every action he or she would take in response to the emergency. And if the student hears “sit down” instead of “take your seat,” it means he or she screwed up and will be grounded from flight for one period. The failure will also be noted in his or her gradebook.

This is just the beginning. After that are three flying periods to accomplish daily preflight briefings, flights, postflight debriefings, simulator missions, advanced academics, emergency procedure quizzes and as much studying as will fit in any down time. The work doesn’t



Second Lt. Amy Hansen

Pilot training student 2nd Lt. Amit Routh listens to an instructor pilot as he inspects his parachute at the life support shop before a flight.

end after the 12-hour day on the flightline. “I’m studying from the time I get home until I go to bed,” Hibler said.

So why do these young officers continue to work so hard? Ask any of the student pilots stepping to their jets from the crowded life support shop, Army-green parachutes strapped to their backs. They want to be Air Force pilots.

Second Lt. Doug Snutnick sums it up. “The hour and a half a day that you get to fly makes it all worth it.”

Female presence in military first unnoticed, then essential

the next 200 years.

During World War I, many women served as nurses close to the front lines. Others volunteered for clerical duties normally accomplished by men. They received no rank or benefits, and at the end of the war, they quietly returned to their civilian lives.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, women again assumed an active role in our nation’s military. Some of them served in traditional roles such as secretaries and phone operators while others worked as auto mechanics, truck drivers and radio operators. Many women served as Women Air Force Service Pilots, which freed the men for combat. Nurses also served on or near the front lines in France, Germany, and the South Pacific. Wherever they were needed, the women went without hesitation.

During the Korean and Vietnam wars, military women served in hospitals and in support roles. Most importantly, their service changed the perspective of the women’s role in the military. It became clear that women no longer served in insignificant roles during wartime. Their contributions were finally recognized as an essential part of the military force.

resolution was passed making it National Women’s History Week. As the popularity of the event grew and gained support from schools, communities, governors, city councils and school boards, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to include the entire month of March. As a result, Women’s History Month was officially approved by Congress in 1987 and recognizes the contributions that women have made to our nation.

From the military perspective, women have served our nation in war and peace from the Revolutionary War to the present conflict in Afghanistan. Mary Hayes McCauly (better known as Molly Pitcher) carried water to her husband and other American artillery men during the Revolutionary War. After her husband collapsed in battle, Molly assumed his job of firing the cannon until the battle was over.

Other women served their country by disguising themselves as male soldiers or working as spies, messengers, cooks or nurses. These brave women could not have known that their patriotism and dedication would be the foundation for the rights of women in the military for



Courtesy photo

Deanie Parrish (top) and other WASPs stand planeside at Greenville AFB, Miss., during World War II.

Advertisements



Rachel Kasic

Checking out the display

Richard Lowry, library technician, provides more materials for the library’s display celebrating the accomplishments of women. The materials will be on display until March 22.

AF clubs offer scholarships

Pam Wickham
Marketing Director

The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program. “Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members,” said Randy Henline, 14th Support Group services division chief. First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000.

The scholarships, which will be presented by Oct. 1, are available in part through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank of Wilmington, Del. “Appliants need to be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Plus, club membership as of June 30, 2002, is needed for eligibility,” said Ed Nunn, club complex manager. To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, entitled, “Air Force Clubs — How to Continue the Tradition.”

All entrees should be submitted on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, along with essays being typed in 12-point arial, times new roman or similar font. Entrees must be submitted to an Air Force club by July 15, and must include a sponsor’s name, last four digits of the sponsor’s Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name, and the entrant’s full name and mailing address. If nominees are family members, how they are related to the club cardholder needs explaining. Additionally, a one-page summary of the nominee’s long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must be included. The summary should include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. In the past five years, Air Force clubs have awarded \$50,000 in scholarships. “This is just another example of some of the great benefits and values club membership offers,” added Henline. For more information, call Ed Nunn at Ext. 2489 or visit the AFSVA website at www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm.

Services: check our offers first

- ✓ **Bingo:** Bar bingo is offered at 5:30 p.m. Fridays in the enlisted lounge. There are two \$25 regular games, two \$50 regular games and a \$500 progressive jackpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 55 numbers or less. Two door prizes for lunch at the Columbus Club will be drawn every Friday night. The enlisted lounge opens at 5 p.m. A services card is required to play. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Kool Kleve entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Caribbean buffet:** The Columbus Club’s Tuesday night buffet features a Caribbean buffet from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.95 for services card holders and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Spring Fling and Egg Hunt:** This annual program is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 23 at Freedom Park. There will be egg hunts for five different age groups and games for all ages. Also scheduled are a martial arts demonstration and a dance demonstration. Special guests will be Sparky, McGruff and the Easter Bunny. Game booths include a duck pond, fishing pond, coke bottle, ring toss, golf putt, bean bag throw, milk bottle game, bouncy castle, basketball shot and clothes pin drop. The youth center needs at least 30 volunteers to help set up/clean up, run game, prize and informational booths and assist with crowd control for the egg hunts. A volunteer is also needed to be the Spring Fling “Bunny.” Call Lisa Quintero at Ext. 2504 to volunteer.
- ✓ **Going out of business sale:** The skills development center is going out of the balloon business this month. Order a mylar balloon for 50 percent off or \$1.50 each. If you would just like to purchase the mylar balloons without helium, they are \$1.25 each. Call Ext. 7836
- ✓ **Air Force teen aviation camp:** High school students who expect to graduate in 2004 or 2005 may apply for the Air Force teen aviation camp June 1 to 7 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. This program is for eligible youth program users who are interested in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career. Travel cost will be the student’s responsibility. All lodging, meals, and activity fees are free for the student. Interested teens should complete a Teen Aviation Camp Application Form and the Academy Familiarization Exam. Once completed, they should return the application and exam to the youth center and schedule an interview with the youth director. Packages must be received by March 29. The camp includes a ropes challenge course, orienteering course, T-37 simulator presentation and individual aero club flights. Stop by the youth center for the application package or call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Joints in Motion Marathon:** The National Arthritis Foundation will conduct an

- informational meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. March 23 at the Fitness Center. The Joints in Motion Marathon is scheduled for Oct. 20 in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Oct. 29 in Dublin, Ireland. For more information, call 1-800-844-8400 or call Dawn Wilbourne at 662-492-0498.
- ✓ **Professional basketball game:** The Memphis Grizzlies play the Sacramento Kings at 7 p.m. April 2 in Memphis, Tenn. Cost is \$60 and includes transportation and ticket to the game. Bus departs at noon. Call the Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT) office at Ext. 7858 for reservations.
- ✓ **Parents day/night out and Give Parents a Break:** The child development center offers a parents night out from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday and a parents day out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 16. Reservations are required at least three days in advance. Cost is \$2.50 an hour per child and a nonrefundable \$5 deposit is required when making reservations. Call Ext. 2479. Give Parents a Break is offered both days also. Contact the family support center to receive a certificate for participation. Call Ext. 2790.
- ✓ **Casino Trip:** Take a trip to Harrah’s Casino in Tunica, Miss., March 30 with the Information, Ticket and Travel office. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$5 in coins. Call Ext. 7858.

Columbus Club
Lunch Buffet
Served from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$4.95 for members
\$7.50 for nonmembers
Price includes
vegetable of the day, salad
and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Chicken Fried Steak
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Roast Beef
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday
Cubed Steak
Beef Stir Fry
Banana Pudding

Wednesday
Pulled Pork
Ribs
Apple Cobbler

Thursday
Sausage and Peppers
Chicken Pot Pie
Apple Crisпитos

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Services Website
www.cafbgrapevine.com
for the latest
information on what’s
happening in Services
activities, menus,
schedules, etc.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule
Catholic
Sunday activities:
10:45 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Friday
11:30 a.m. — Communion

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsals
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

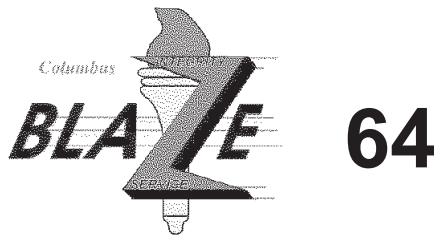
Today
“Blackhawk Down” (R, intense, realistic, graphic war violence, 144 min.)
Starring Josh Hartnett and Ewan McGregor.

Saturday
“A Beautiful Mind” (PG-13, intense thematic material, 135 min.)
Starring Russell Crowe and Ed Harris.

March 15
“The Count of Monte Cristo” (PG-13, adventure violence, 131 min.)
Starring James Caviezel Guy Pearce.

March 16
“The Mothman Prophecies” (PG-13, terror, some sexuality, 119 min.)
Starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney.

BLAZE 64 offers announcements



for people living in base housing or the dormitories.
Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.
Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
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FAMILY
SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Transition workshop: This workshop for people retiring or separating from service begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Happy landings: The center offers information for new arrivals to Columbus AFB from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Separation, PCS, retirement seminar: Information on Veteran’s Assistance and health benefits, small businesses, credit reports, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and more is available Thursday.

Education program: March 15 is the deadline to apply for the Air Force Aid Society’s Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. The grant totals \$1,500 and is available to eligible family members of active duty, Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20 years or more active-duty service and spouses of deceased Air Force members.

Self-improvement briefing: The center offers an assertiveness training class from 11 a.m. to noon or from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. March 20. Call the center for reservations.

Hearts apart: A pizza party for families of deployed people is at 5:30 p.m. March 21. Refreshments, games and prizes will be available.

Respite care: The Air Force Aid Society offers grants for active-duty Air Force people who have 24-hour care responsibilities for ill or disabled people.

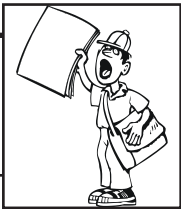
LIFE SKILLS
SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities offered are at the family advocacy office located on the second floor of the 14th Medical Group unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2239.)

Special needs: The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to ensure service availability for active-duty family members with special needs. The need must be identified at the current duty station or before a permanent change of station. The program assists families with relocation when a medical condition exists, helping them find resources on base and in the local community.

BASE
NOTES



Case lot sale: The commissary is having a case lot sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 16. Call Ext. 7109.

Spouses social: The officers spouses club offers a social at 6:30 p.m. March 19 at the Columbus Club. The social features Columbus and the Pilgrimage. The menu includes chef’s salad for \$8 or stuffed chicken breast with roasted new potatoes for \$12. Non-Columbus Club members must pay a \$3 surcharge. Call Kim Jenkins at 434-8444.

Honoring women: In honor of Women’s History Month, the multicultural committee offers a “Brown Bag Cinema” at 11 a.m. March 21 at the family support center. The featured movie is “The American Woman: Portraits of Courage.” Call Ext. 7004.

Spring Fling: Volunteers are needed to help with the Columbus AFB Spring Fling from 9 a.m. to noon March 23. Thirty people are wanted for set up and clean up, help with running games, prizes and information booths and maintaining crowd control for the egg hunt. Call Ext. 2504.

Wing briefings: The quarterly wing commander’s calls are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 29 at the theater. Call Ext. 2611.

Employee scholarships: The Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund is accepting applications through March 29 for scholarships available to federal employees and families of military people. The scholarships, which range from \$300 to \$1,500, are granted to applicants with at least a 3.0 grade point average who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post secondary school in a course of study that will lead to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree. Call Ext. 2563.

Doughnut sale: A Krispy Kreme doughnut sale is March 22. This sale is to support the Air Force Enlisted Foundation. Cost is \$4 a box. Call Ext. 2073 or 2296.

No medals: The Department of Defense has decided not to create a Cold War Medal. People should be advised that the Cold War Medal being advertised and sold on the internet and at some military clothing sales stores is not authorized for wear on the military uniform. Call Ext. 2588.

AROUND
TOWN



Book sale: A Friends of the Library book sale is from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 15 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16 at the Leigh Mall in Columbus. Call 329-5300.

Women’s show: The 12th annual Southern Women’s Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 and 23 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 24 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. This is a cooking event. Call (800) 849-0248, Ext. 134.

Gospel concert: The Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a gospel concert at 7:30 p.m. March 29 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus. The concert features the McAdams Quartet, the Chuck Wagon Gang and Ronnie Page. Admission is free for ages 11 and younger, or \$10 for ages 12 and older. Call 329-1717.

Free shade: The Arbor Day Foundation is giving free white flowering dogwood trees to each person who joins the foundation during March. The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between now and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. People will also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation’s monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care. People interested in joining the foundation and receiving the trees can send a \$10 donation to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by March 31.

Exchange students: Pacific Intercultural Exchange needs host families for exchange students. People interested can call (877) 710-8949.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Capt. Tom Wilkins presents the
“Herbals and Other Supplements”
briefing Wednesday.

Center celebrates nutrition month

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

To mark National Nutrition Month, the health and wellness center offers briefings twice a week and will co-host a health symposium with the fitness and sports center.

The briefings are set for every Wednesday and Friday beginning at noon. The symposium will be at 10:30 a.m. March 85.

The noon briefing will cover herbals and other supplements, and the 1 p.m. briefing

will cover performance nutrition, according to Staff Sgt. Dan Boyer, NCOIC of health promotion.

A video series will be presented in the HAWC conference room for open viewing during normal duty hours throughout the month, Boyer added.

“We’re also sponsoring a coloring contest,” Boyer said. “Children can pick up a page at the center to color, then return it for a prize.”

“Our goal is to increase health awareness,” said Staff Sgt. Heart Briones, HAWC information manager. “Nutrition

is important because it impacts every aspect of a person’s health.”

One fitness and sports center frequenter said she is glad to know this information is being offered, because of nutrition’s impact on exercise.

“It’s good for people to be reminded of just how important nutrition is when it comes to exercise,” said Staff Sgt. Mary Franklin, 14th Flying Training Wing NCOIC of military justice. “You’ve got to eat right to see results from workouts, watch the quantity and quality of what you eat, and remember that water is a must.”

Air Force boxers come back, claim five championship titles

Wayne Amann
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AFB, Texas — The Air Force boxing team finished a disappointing third at the Armed Forces Championships in mid-February.

They got off the canvas and took matters into their own fists Feb. 23 to prove that placement was a lucky punch.

Lacklanders Bobby DeLeon and James DuBois recorded back-to-back unanimous decision wins, and three other bluesuiters won championships at the 2002 San Antonio Regional Golden Gloves Tournament finals, before a packed house of nearly 1,500 in the Bennett Fitness Center at Kelly Annex.

Thanks to five of the nine Air Force boxers in the finals winning crowns, the Open Team Championship Award was theirs.

“Coming back off a loss makes you more determined to win,” said DuBois. “We needed this to build our confidence back up.”

DeLeon’s 5-0 victory in the 119-pound open ban-

tamweight division came against teammate Edgar Gaytan of Tinker AFB, Okla. It was a rematch of their Air Force Box-Off finals bout Jan. 12. The referee stopped that contest 22 seconds into round four, declaring DeLeon the winner.

This time DeLeon, who lost a tough decision at the inter-service championships that could have gone either way, put Gaytan away with a series of combinations that bloodied his opponent and had the crowd chanting, “Bobby! Bobby!”

“You always have to look good in front of your hometown,” said DeLeon, a San Antonio native. “I wanted to come out with a strong showing.”

DuBois bounced back well following his loss at the Armed Forces Championships.

After trading punches early with Michael Gutierrez of the Basic Boxing Club, DuBois took command of the 125-pound open featherweight fight. He used his jab and left hook to set up Gutierrez with a staggering right hand in the third round, then delivered a solid right to the head in the fourth to seal his 5-0 verdict.

“The first round is usually a feeling-out stage,” explained DuBois. “After I figured out I could control the second round I went to work.”

Lackland’s Mohammed Fallaha, a runner-up at the Armed Forces event, went un-opposed to take the 201-plus-pound open super heavyweight division championship.

Later, lefty Jorge Hernandez, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo., followed his Armed Forces victory, by dominating Ronald Evans, Atascosa Boxing Club, to capture the 156-pound open light middleweight crown.

The night’s closest fight pitted the Air Force’s only other Armed Forces victor, Deron Elias, Hurlburt Field, Fla., against Fernando Diaz, San Antonio Parks and Recreation. The two gladiators traded toe-to-toe blows for four rounds. The crowd gave the warriors a standing ovation, while the judges gave the 132-pound open lightweight bout to Diaz, 3-2.

Next, the airmen stop in Colorado Springs, Colo., for the National Championships in early April, as their quest for Olympic gold continues.

SHORTS

Golf tournament

An alternate shot tournament is at 9 a.m. Saturday at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Each player will tee off on each hole. When the preferred shot has been selected, players will alternate from this point to completion of the hole. Computer will select teams. Cost is \$15 for members and \$15 plus green fees for nonmembers. Call Ext. 7932.

Mommies Fun Run/Walk

A fun run starts at 11 a.m. March 15 at the fitness and sports center. Mothers with small children are encouraged to come out and walk with their strollers. People can look for the four-leaf clovers to win a prize. Call Ext. 2772.

Fishing tournament

Crappie USA, Inc. in Franklin, Tenn. is hosting a team tournament on Columbus Lake in Miss. from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 16. The pick-your-own partner style event will have anglers fishing for a 10-fish limit of crappie.

People interested can register online, by mail or at 5 p.m. at Landmark Hotel in Columbus. Visit www.columbus-ms.org for more information.

Bowling tournament

A youth pro-am bowling tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. March 16 and 17 and March 23 and 24. Entry is \$10 per two-person team. During the pro-am, open bowling will be limited depending on the number of entries in this tournament. Call Ext. 2426.

Spring soccer opening ceremonies

The spring soccer season opens at 6 p.m. March 21 at the youth soccer fields. Special thanks to our sponsors. Call Ext. 2504.

President’s physical fitness program

The President’s Council is encouraging all service-members, civilian employees, retirees, contractors and family members to earn a Presidential Sports Award.

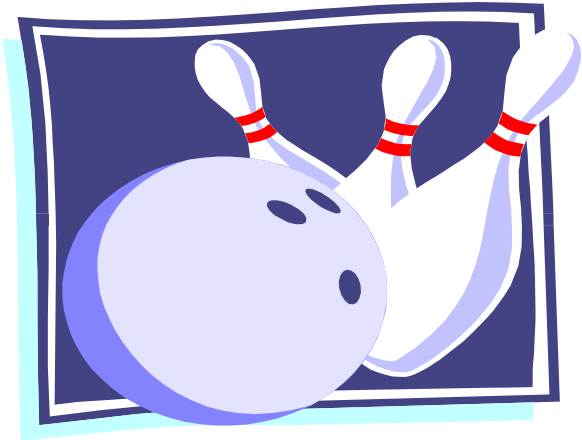
The award can be earned in four months by anyone age 6 and older. After completing the requirements for a chosen activity, the participant submits a fitness log and a \$5 fee to the council. The award itself consists of an emblem or patch and a certificate signed by the President. If family members participate together they will receive an additional Family Fitness strip.

For more information, visit the council’s Website at www.aausports.org or call Ext. 2772.

Bowling standings

The following are the intramural bowling standings current as of Wednesday. For more information, call Jim Campbell at Ext. 2426.

Team	Wins	Losses
Stroken	138	30
14th SFSI	103	65
14th SVS	96	72
14th MSS	94	74
Retirees	93	75
14th SFS2	62	106
Team 7	56	112



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